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Mr. Paul Dabbs  
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Dear Mr. Dabbs:

**Subject: Bulletin 160-2003 Scoping Session Comments**

Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) is a wholesale water import agency and member of Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan). MWDOC imports water on behalf of its 27 member retail agencies and is located in the Department of Water Resources' South Coast Region.

MWDOC has been proactive in the review and comment on past issues of Bulletin 160 and plans to continue to review future versions of the document. In the past, Bulletin 160 has been useful for our agency to draw information from on possible water supply options that exist around the state. However, we believe that in addition to discussing where the water is located in the state and where the present and future demand centers for water are located, the document should include a section addressing the infrastructure to move the water where it is needed. This infrastructure could be existing or proposed options and include conveyance, surface storage and groundwater storage.

Environmental use of water is on the rise throughout the state. We suggest Bulletin 160-2003 include an accounting of the environmental use of water, the projected need for environmental water and the sources of this water type.

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In addition to these comments, MWDOC would like to participate on the Department's proposed Public Advisory Committee for the development of Bulletin 160-2003 and proposes assignment of Jeff Ohmart, Principal Engineer, to the Committee.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment during the early stage of preparing Bulletin 160-2003.

Sincerely,

  
Stanley E. Sprague  
General Manager